

additional fee required for the extension, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 9, 17-21, 27, 30, 33, 50, 53, and 56, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein.

Please amend Claims 1-3 and 57-59 and add new Claims 60-89 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of the amended claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

1. (Thrice Amended) A displaying method of managing a plurality of network devices, acquiring information related to a selected network device of the plurality of network devices, and displaying acquired information of the selected network device, said method comprising:

a first display step of acquiring a first information related to the selected network device and displaying the first information on an initial screen of a device window, which is a window allocated to the selected network device; and

a second display step of acquiring, in response to a user request for display of a second screen of the device window, a second information, different from the first information,

from the selected network device and displaying the second information on the second screen.

2. (Thrice Amended) A network device control apparatus for managing a plurality of network devices, acquiring information related to a selected network device of the plurality of network devices, and displaying acquired information of the selected network device, comprising:

a first display unit for acquiring a first information related to the selected network device and displaying the first information on an initial screen of a device window, which is a window allocated to the selected network device; and

a second display unit for acquiring, in response to a user request for display of a second screen of the device window, a second information that is different from the first information and that is related to the selected network device from the selected network device, and displaying the second information on the second screen.

3. (Thrice Amended) A computer-readable recording medium storing a program for implementing a managing method of managing a plurality of network devices, an acquiring method of acquiring information related to a selected network device of the plurality of network devices, and a displaying method of displaying acquired information, the program comprising:

program code for a first display step of acquiring a first information related to the selected network device and displaying the first information on an initial screen of a device

window, which is a window allocated to the selected network device; and

program code for a second display step of acquiring, in response to a user request for display of a second screen of the device window, a second information that is different from the first information and that is related to the selected network device from the selected network device, and displaying the second information on the second screen.

57. (Twice Amended) A method of managing a plurality of network devices, acquiring information of a selected network device of the plurality of network devices, and displaying the acquired information, said method comprising:

a first display step of acquiring a first information of a selected network device and of displaying the first information on a device window; and

a second display step of acquiring, in response to a user request for display of a second information of the selected network device, the second information from the selected network device and of displaying the second information on the device window,

wherein the second information is different from the first information.

58. (Amended) A network device control apparatus for managing a plurality of network devices, acquiring information of a selected network device of the plurality of network devices, and displaying the acquired information, said apparatus comprising:

a first display unit for acquiring a first information of a selected network device and displaying the first information on a device window; and

a second display unit for acquiring, in response to a user request for display of a second information of the selected network device, the second information from the selected network device and displaying the second information on the device window.

59. (Amended) A computer-readable recording medium storing a program for managing a plurality of network devices, acquiring information from a selected network device of the plurality of network devices, and displaying the acquired information, the program comprising:

program code for a first display step of acquiring a first information of a selected network device and of displaying the first information on a device window; and

program code of a second display step of acquiring, in response to a user request for display of a second information of the device window, the second information from the selected network device and of displaying the second information on the device window.

60. (New) A displaying method according to Claim 1, wherein said first display step includes forming a list of information required for display of the initial screen, acquiring listed information, and storing the acquired information in a memory.

61. (New) A displaying method according to Claim 60, wherein said first display step includes forming a list of MIB objects and acquiring values of listed MIB objects by using SNMP.

62. (New) A displaying method according to Claim 1, wherein said second display step includes forming a list of information required for display of the second screen, acquiring listed information, and storing the acquired information in a memory.

63. (New) A displaying method according to Claim 62, wherein said second display step includes forming a list of MIB objects and acquiring values of listed MIB objects by using SNMP.

64. (New) A displaying method according to Claim 1, further comprising a determination step of determining whether information is to be acquired from the selected network device or a memory storing information acquired from the selected network device.

65. (New) A displaying method according to Claim 64, wherein said first display step or said second display step includes acquiring information from the selected network device, if it is determined that information is to be acquired from the selected network device, or acquiring information from the memory, if it is determined that information is to be acquired from the memory.

66. (New) A displaying method according to Claim 1, wherein said second display step is executed if a tab is clicked on a device window.

67. (New) A displaying method according to Claim 1, wherein the initial screen is a screen that displays a status of the selected network device, a screen that displays a list of jobs, a screen that displays a manufacturer, a product name, an installation location, a product version, or a toner cartridge model, or a screen that displays information about a network interface board or information about a network protocol.

68. (New) A displaying method according to Claim 1, wherein the second screen is a screen that displays a status of the selected network device, a screen that displays a list of jobs, a screen that displays a manufacturer, a product name, an installation location, a product version, or a toner cartridge model, or a screen that displays information about a network interface board or information about a network protocol.

69. (New) A displaying method according to Claim 1, further comprising a search step of searching for network devices connected to a network and displaying a list of the network devices, wherein said first display step is executed when one of the network devices on the list is selected by a user.

70. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein said first display unit forms a list of information required for display of the initial screen, acquires listed information, and stores the acquired information in a memory.

71. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 70, wherein said first display unit forms a list of MIB objects and acquires values of listed MIB objects by using SNMP.

72. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein said second display unit forms a list of information required for display of the second screen, acquires listed information, and stores the acquired information in a memory.

73. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 72, wherein said second display unit forms a list of MIB objects and acquires values of listed MIB objects by using SNMP.

74. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 2, further comprising a determination unit for determining whether information is to be acquired from the selected network device or a memory storing information acquired from the selected network device.

75. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 74, wherein said first display unit or said second display unit acquires information from the selected network device, if it is determined that information is to be acquired from the selected network device, or acquires information from the memory, if it is determined that information is to be acquired from the memory.

76. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein said second display

unit executes acquisition of the second information if a tab is clicked on a device window.

77. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the initial screen is a screen that displays a status of the selected network device, a screen that displays a list of jobs, a screen that displays a manufacturer, a product name, an installation location, a product version, or a toner cartridge model, or a screen that displays information about a network interface board or information about a network protocol.

78. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the second screen is a screen that displays status of the selected network device, a screen that displays a list of jobs, a screen that displays a manufacturer, a product name, an installation location, a product version, or a toner cartridge model, or a screen that displays information about a network interface board or information about a network protocol.

79. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 2, further comprising:  
a search unit for searching for network devices connected to a network; and  
a display for displaying a list of the network devices,  
wherein said first display unit executes acquisition of the first information  
when one of the listed network devices is selected by a user.

80. (New) A recording medium according to Claim 3, wherein the first display

step includes forming a list of information required for display of the initial screen, acquiring listed information, and storing the acquired information in a memory.

81. (New) A recording medium according to Claim 80, wherein the first display step includes forming a list of MIB objects and acquiring values of listed MIB objects by using SNMP.

82. (New) A recording medium according to Claim 3, wherein the second display step includes forming a list of information required for display of the second screen, acquiring listed information, and storing the acquired information in a memory.

83. (New) A recording medium according to Claim 82, wherein the second display step includes forming a list of MIB objects and acquiring values of listed MIB by using SNMP.

84. (New) A recording medium according to Claim 3, further comprising program code for a determination step of determining whether information is to be acquired from the selected network device or a memory storing information acquired from the selected network device.

85. (New) A recording medium according to Claim 84, wherein the first

display step or the second display step includes acquiring information from the selected network device, if it is determined that information is to be acquired from the selected network device, or acquiring information from the memory, if it is determined that information is to be acquired from the memory.

86. (New) A recording medium according to Claim 3, wherein the second display step is executed if a tab is clicked on a device window.

87. (New) A recording medium according to Claim 3, wherein the initial screen is a screen that displays a status of the selected network device, a screen that displays a list of jobs, a screen that displays a manufacturer, a product name, an installation location, a product version, or a toner cartridge model, or a screen that displays information about a network interface board or information about a network protocol.

88. (New) A recording medium according to Claim 3, wherein the second screen is a screen that displays a status of the selected network device, a screen that displays a list of jobs, a screen that displays a manufacturer, a product name, an installation location, a product version, or a toner cartridge model, or a screen that displays information about a network interface board or information about a network protocol.

89. (New) A recording medium according to Claim 3, further comprising: